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Although the conditions, political and
climate, could not have been more favour-
able, and although the completion of the
Ching-Han railway diverted extra business
to Hankow, yet the trade for 1905 was
somewhat disappointing. To that effect
writes Mr. Allen W. Cross, Acting Deputy
Commissioner of Customs in charge at
Hankow, in the second fascicle of trade
returns, which deals with the eleven Yang-
tze ports. This disappointment was caused
more by the non-fruition of sanguine
expectations, than by any serious falling
off; and we have not the slightest doubt
that the rapidly growing prosperity of
Hankow, strikingly evident during the last
three or four years, will be no less apparent
when this year's returns are unfolded. It
should also be remembered that the Customs
point of view of prosperity or otherwise is
necessarily a special one; almost on a
footing with the position of the public
executioner who might say "times are not
so good" when a diminution of crime lessened
his business. Thus we read that the
decline of 1905 at Hankow was chiefly in
cotton goods and in Japanese yarn, which
latter "is being displaced by the product
of the local mills". It seems evident from
that that what the Customs counts as a
diminution may sometimes be merely a
more or less gratifying transference. Then
artificial factors have to be reckoned with:
future good reports, we are reminded, will
largely depend upon how much further the
depreciation of the copper currency is to
continue. However, as the most authentic
returns providing an objective indication of
the ebb and flow of trade with China, there
is no need to emphasise unduly the point

that conclusions drawn from them should
not be too hasty. The data now offered are
the net value of the trade was Tls. 111,043,006, as compared with Tls. 107,449,374 in 1904, and Tls. 99,129,500 in 1903,
which figures at least seem to show progress
in the right direction. The net imports direct
and via Shanghai, were 54.8 million taels
(six millions being native) as against 44.4
millions in 1904 and 43.4 millions in 1903.
These figures include the value of copper
imported for minting purposes, however,
and it is by deducting that that the
diminution is shown. The figures then
read 38.3 million taels, which is three
million taels less than in the previous year,
and 4.3 millions less than in 1903. A
decrease of local exports is also recorded,
although these were better than in 1903;
the figures are: 1905, 57.2 million taels;
1904, 63 millions; and 1903, 55.7 millions.
The deductions made for minting imports
reduce the net value figures to 95.5
million taels for the year, against 104.3
millions in 1904, and 98.3 millions in 1903,
which of course modify the progress in the
right direction previously remarked upon.
Business was considerably restricted by
native handicrafts, the causes of which are
not stated, but which we may guess to have
been largely injudicious war speculations.
In view of these special circumstances, there
seems no reason yet for the believers in
Hankow's future to change their minds.
The Commissioner says, "On the whole,
from a profit yielding standpoint, the export
trade with foreign countries seems to have
been as remunerative as in past years, if
not more so; the falling off has been all in
tea to Russia, raw cotton to Japan, and
rice to southern ports." Adulteration
threatens to kill the growing oil industry,
otherwise a promising export. The boycott
made no headway at all, although "what
appeared to be paid speakers and agitators
from other provinces" addressed a number
of "semi-political and anti-foreign" meet-
ings. On top of this, "American piece
goods showed a startling increase".

The writer of this report does not appear
to bear out Mr. Moore's theory regarding
the change of copper at Hankow, at all
events, copper ten-cent pieces were minted
in incredible quantities, "without regard
to the demand". And he says, "the conse-
quence of this unrestricted flooding of
the province with these copper tokens has been
a rapid depreciation of their value", until
a hundred (nominally worth a thousand
cash) could be bought at the end of 1905
for 62 candarins, Hankow year, instead of
83 candarins, the rate at the beginning
of the year. He mentions as "a further
consequence", although it would seem
merely the same situation expressed in
other terms, that there has been a general
fall in the prices of necessities. It may be
that at Hankow and other places the
minting was more reckless, and that Mr.
Moore's denial was based on the average
output for the Empire, so far as it could
be ascertained. In any case, the mixed
testimony is rather confusing, coming from
men who are in a position to be well
informed. It is interesting enough to be here
repeated that CHANG CHIH-TUNG's first
tael coins were struck on January 19th of
last year, especially if it be true that "this
tael is to be adopted as the standard when
the currency is reformed and unified".
Owing to the cheapness of raw cotton, the
local cotton mill company seems to have
done a most profitable business; and various
other industries were taking good shape.
As some indication of Hankow's importance,
it may be mentioned that in the year under
review the business community included
114 foreign firms, of which 32 were British,
25 German, 18 Japanese, 12 American, and
27 various. The "consulates now register
over two thousand foreign residents."

"There were many departures for home yester-
day, among the number being the Hon. Mr. and
Mrs. Dickson."
A battalion of the Manchester Regt. is com-
ing from South Africa to Hongkong at the end
of the year.
A popular feature at the current industrial
exhibition at Kowloon is a jackdaw which says
"Good morning" in polished Nihongo.
Mr. H. J. Gedge, of the firm of Johnson,
Stokes and Master, solicitors, and Mrs. Gedge,
left here yesterday on board the *Empress of
China* for home.
In an interview, M. Guesdo, according to a
telegram to *L'Echo de Chine*, has declared that
the Socialists will separate themselves from the
"bloc", but will vote in whatever way will
stimulate radical reforms.
The authorities of Trinity House have decided
to supersede the old bell fog signal at the Needles
light-house, Isle of Wight, with a siren horn
fog signal. This modern appliance will prove
a great boon to navigation during fog off the
West Channel passage.

Fourteen plague cases were added to the
list yesterday, making the total 654.

Dr. Rutherford Harris, Unionist, M. P. for
the Dulwich Division of Camberwell, has placed
his resignation in the hands of the local associa-
tion. His reason for taking the step he has
understood to be owing to important financial
interests in Japan necessitating his visit to that
country every year. He was booked to sail for
Hongkong on the 5th inst.

A London paper announces that the recent
appointment of navigating officer of the *Tanquer*
has been filled by the appointment of Lieut.
Henry Butterworth. This officer entered the
service as a supplementary lieutenant in Octo-
ber, 1895, and he is qualified to take charge of a
first-class ship. It is to be hoped that the
Tanquer will now be navigated safely.

A second dispatch states that a body of about
300 Korean insurgents lay in wait in the
vicinity of An-dong, Kyong-Syang Province,
and four Japanese who were engaged in gold-
prospecting were attacked by these men. The
Japanese fled to Ponghwa, but one of the party
who remained in Pang-dijon was murdered by the
Koreans. Police and gendarmes have been
dispatched to the scene of the disturbance.

One of the pirates who held up a fishing junk
at Chekwan on the 21st inst. has been arrested.
On that occasion a lost containing six men, three
armed with revolvers and three with pitchforks,
drew alongside a junk on the fishing ground,
boarded it, forced the men into the hold,
ransacked the vessel and made off with jewellery
and clothing to the value of \$96. Only one of
the robbers has been captured so far.

In reply to Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Morley
says: "The construction of a railway on the
road gauge to connect Bombay with Sind has
been sanctioned, but there is still some uncertainty
as to the route which will be followed. The
Railway Board have issued a reconnaissance
of alternative routes to the north and south of
the Ruin of Cutch. Suggesting the southern
route to be adopted, the length would be about
295 miles, and the cost has been roughly
estimated at £1,496,667, or £4,768 per mile."

In the House of Commons on May 3rd, in
reply to Sir E. Sassoon, Mr. Churchill said:
No official information has been received as
to any disturbances in Brunei, but the
Resident will be asked for a report. "No
statistics are in existence, but the area of
the Sultanate is estimated at 4,000 square
miles and the population at about 30,000. It
would be impossible to give accurate details as
to the number of natives who have migrated
from Brunei to Sarawak territory, but the
Resident will be asked if he has any information.
I am not aware that the Sarawak flag has ever
been hoisted in Brunei, except by individuals
who for personal reasons claimed the protection
of that State."

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Atkin and
Officers, the Band of the 19th Infantry will
play the following programme of music at the
King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday,
the 31st May, 1906 (weather permitting):
March, "Gipsy"; "The Queen's Own";
Overture, "La Ronde"; "The Merry Dancers";
Waltz, "The Merry Dancers"; "The Merry Dancers";
Selection, "The Merry Dancers"; "The Merry Dancers";
Song, "The Merry Dancers"; "The Merry Dancers";
Round Dance, "The Merry Dancers"; "The Merry Dancers";
Dinner Menu:—Hot: D'Olive's Omelette; Fish:
Toast, Soups—Ox Tail and Macaroni; Fish:
Rolled and Shrimp Sauce; Entrées—Rolled
Chicken and Mushroom Sauce; Veal Cutlets and
Green Peas; Pate de Foie-gras au Apic; Curry;
Shrimp; Joint—Beef and Kidney; and Fruit and
Ice Cream. Cold: Cold Turkey and Ham; Cold
Beef; Cold Chicken; Cold Pork; Cold Mutton;
Vegetables—Boiled Potatoes, Baked Potatoes,
Green Peas, Stewed Onions, and Boiled Rice.
Entrées—Victoria Pudding, Chocolate Ice
Cream and Finger Cakes. Almost: Pound Cake,
Fruit, Cheese, Tea, Coffee, Preserved Ginger.

POLICE COURT.
Wednesday, May 30th.
Before Mr. F. A. HAZELAND (First
Police Magistrate).
AFTER MANY DAYS.
A woman was sentenced to three months' hard
labour for obtaining \$130 by means of a trick
from an old woman at Yau-mai in May, 1903.
Apparently she had induced the old woman to
advance the money to her on the strength of
certain title deeds presented as securities, and
not till afterwards did the latter discover that
the title deeds were forgeries.
A TRICK THAT FAILED.
J. Ezekiel, tobaccoist, of 10 House Street,
charged his shop with the theft of a tin of
cigarettes. On Monday the glass panel of the
shop door was discovered broken but nothing
missing. The following day the defendant
removed a tin of cigarettes from its usual
position and later asked the complainant if he
might remove certain empty boxes. Permission
was given, and he surreptitiously placed the
full box among the others and carried them
away. The trick, however, was detected and he
was promptly arrested. Seven days' hard labour.
COSTLY OVERSIGHT.
A passenger on board the *Shan Lee* from
Canton was discovered some little distance from
the wharf carrying a dagger without a permit.
He was fined \$15 and the weapon confiscated.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

THE DERBY.

London, May 30th.

The winners of the Derby were—
"Spartan" 1st; "Picton" 2nd;
and "Troutbeck" 3rd.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP ASHORE.

London, May 30th.

H.M.S. battleship *Montagu* is
badly ashore on Lundy Island. The
propellers are lost, and the engine-
rooms flooded.

MORE WRECKS.

London, May 30th.

The steamers *Umore* and
"Queen of Cambodia" are reported
totally lost.

SOUTH AFRICAN RISING.

London, May 30th.

A force of 600 Zulus has been
repulsed with a loss of 70.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES.

London, May 30th.

Sensational disclosures have been
made with regard to meat packing in
Chicago, the details of which are
most repulsive.

GERMANY.

London, May 29th.

The Reichstag has practically rejected the
whole of the supplementary estimates for
South-West Africa, and subsequently refused
the Government money to establish a Ministry
of the Colonies. This severe rebuff to
the Government is mainly due to a hectoring
speech of Colonel Deimling, who has just
been appointed to the command in South
Africa, in which he lectured the Reichstag
in a stentorian voice like addressing troops
on the drill ground. Colonel Deimling
declared his determination to ignore certain
recommendations of the Budget Committee,
unless otherwise directed by the Emperor,
who alone had to decide. A tremendous
uproar followed this speech.

THE CHINESE CUSTOMS.

London, May 29th.

Lord Fitzmaurice said in the House of
Lords, in the reply from China to the
last note, that the control of the Customs,
was expected shortly. The Government
did not intend to allow a protracted delay,
fully realizing its importance to trade. The
Government was acting with the knowledge
of the other Powers, with which they were
in perfect harmony.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

May 29th.

THE RECENT FIRE.
It is reported that several dead bodies have
been discovered among the debris at the fire
which took place on the 25th inst. in Luen
Hing Street at the back of the I. M. Customs
offices here. Nineteen houses were burnt down,
and but for a timely fall in the force of the
wind a terrible conflagration would have
resulted.

THE WATER WORKS.
It is reported that 96 acre of land from
Tsing-Po to Sui-Pak will be required for the
installation of the machinery and reservoirs of
the Canton Water-works. The land has been
assessed at Tls. 100 per acre and the owners are
requested to present their title deeds and claim
the purchase money.

HONGKONG PRISONER, BEHEADED.
Tai Fan-kau, a notorious pirate who was
recently extradited from Hongkong, was
beheaded here on the 27th inst.

TO ENSURE ACCURACY.
Yesterday the newly-appointed Nam Ho
Magistrate Yu-Yukwan received at his yamen
the editors of the various Canton papers who
had responded to his invitation. Ten editors
appeared and were most cordially received.
The Nam Ho told them that Viscount
Shau, having noticed several untrue re-
ports relating to government affairs, had
requested the Nam Ho to see the editors so as
to prevent news of that kind being published in
the future. The Nam Ho told them that he
was entirely at their disposal regarding
information and that they were at liberty
to telephone to him regarding the truth of
statements that might be reported to them, and
that if the enquiry could not be answered at
once, he would do so at the earliest moment.
This arrangement pleases both sides.

THE RAILWAY FUND.
The amount collected to date (for railway
shares) is returned as \$3,370,926.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

The annual meeting of the V.R.C. was held
at the Gymnasium, Kowloon, last evening. Mr.
G. A. Caldwell presided, and there were also
present—Messrs. T. C. Gray, E. M. Hazland,
R. W. Pearson, J. H. R. Hance (committee),
F. Lammert (hon. secretary), Mr. S. A. Seth
(hon. treasurer), and a large number of members.

The notice convening the meeting having
been read.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen.—The
printed report and statement of accounts
having been circulated, we will, if you
have no objection, consider them as
read. Taking the reports of the various sub-
committees in their order, and coming first to
that of the bathhouse, the success of the V.R.C.
at last season's regatta in inter-club events
makes refreshing reading, five wins out of
eight starts is an excellent record which has
given much satisfaction to members, and the
crows who so ably uphold the Club's colours
deserve every congratulation. It was unfor-
tunate that no crew from the V.R.C. was entered
for the challenge events; so far as I know, the
splendid crew "Chaparral" was put in the
water only once last season, but I strongly
recommend the "A" class rowing members to
commence practising in her at once, so that
when the training season arrives there will be
some men who have become accustomed to her
peculiarities and able to "sit" her with some
comfort certainly not an easy matter at
first—but only patient practice is needed. I
hope at the next regatta to see the V.R.C. well
represented in the challenge cup races. Turn-
ing to the report of the bath house sub-com-
mittee, the new position of the bathing enclosure
has been a very great improvement and the
cleaner water found there has been much appre-
ciated by the swimming men. It is gratifying
to note the success that continues to attend the
club's aquatic entertainments and the pleasure
that they evidently provide to outside spec-
tators; the very welcome presence of so many
ladies at these gatherings is particularly flat-
tering to the club. The gymnasium, although
well equipped, continues to be neglected except
by a few enthusiasts, but it is hoped that mem-
bers will take full advantage of the sub-com-
mittee's recommendation that regular classes
under the direction of a qualified instructor
be held during the winter. The report of
the bar sub-committee shows a slightly
better profit than the previous year, al-
though the turnover was actually smaller;
this indicates economy in management which is
satisfactory to note. In this connection, I may
state that the outgoing committee are leaving
certain recommendations to their successors as to
the manner in which the cost of refreshments
should in future be collected, as the present
cash system does not work very well; I have no
doubt that if the proposed method is adopted, it
will prove more satisfactory to all concerned.
I don't think the accounts call for any special
comment, but as at first sight the balance at
credit of general working account might be
taken as showing a considerable falling off from
that of the previous year, I should draw your
attention to the two items "new boats, &c., and
new bath", which amount together to
\$2,035.94, and may be considered extraor-
dinary expenditure that is not likely to
recur again for some years to come. It is
satisfactory to observe that the accounts of the
Club's different sporting meetings all show
a profit, and I think our thanks are due to the
officials responsible for running the sports
and regatta with such successful results; this
is particularly applicable to Mr. Lammert, our
unfailing hon. secretary. I should also point
out an unfortunate clerical error which crept
into the reserve fund account. In the item
interest on \$1,765.93, the figures should read
\$17,688.93; the extension is correct. Taking
the summary of the various accounts, the year's
working has resulted in a gain of \$23,343, which
may be considered a satisfactory result in view of
the membership having fallen from 346 to 293. I
regret not being in a position to give you any
fresh information regarding the new site, but
as there should now be some hope of this being
handed over at an early date, the matter will
be one of the first to receive attention from
your new committee. I don't think there is
anything of interest that I can add,
unless it be that I am glad to see the
"Magazine" has paid its way, for
although the account shows a loss of \$2,184.1
understand there was really a profit of about \$20,
some small amounts which were collected after
closing the books having been carried forward
to the current year's account. I am sure you
will all have appreciated the keenness which Mr.
T. C. Gray has thrown into the editorship, but
I think that his efforts in "backing up" the
Club's own little "brochure" and making it
attractive, are deserving of more support from
members than given at present, and I hope
many more will do their duty by becoming
subscribers. I might just add that the editor
will be only too pleased at any time to receive
contributions that may be, interesting or
instructive. Before proposing the adoption of
the report and accounts, I shall be glad to
answer to the best of my ability any questions
that members may desire to ask.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the
report and accounts, as no questions were asked.
Mr. SOUSA seconded, and the motion was
carried.
The CHAIRMAN recommended the re-election
of Mr. A. Rodger as chairman of the com-
mittee.
Mr. WHITE seconded the motion, which was
carried.

Mr. BAINS proposed the re-election of Mr.
Frank Lammert as secretary. He thought Mr.
Lammert had carried out his duties during the
past season creditably to himself and honourably
to the Club.
Mr. GREENWOOD seconded the motion, which
was carried unanimously.

Mr. HAZELAND proposed the re-election of
Mr. S. A. Seth as hon. treasurer.
Mr. JORDAN seconded, and the motion was
carried.
The committee elected was as follows:—
Messrs. W. Armstrong, T. C. Gray, R. W. Pearson,
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him on the committee of the Club. He was
one of its most active supporters, and the speaker
asked the Club to place on record their heartfelt
thanks for the service he rendered the Club.
This was fulfilled by a vote of acclamation,
and the meeting terminated.

STAR FERRY CO., LTD.
The annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co.,
Ltd., was held in the City Hall yesterday after-
noon. Sir C. P. Charter presided, and there
were also present—Messrs. A. G. Wood
(director), E. Osborne (secretary), G. Murray
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Haupt.
The Secretary read the notice convening the
meeting, and the CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, I pro-
pose, if it be your pleasure, that we take the
report and accounts as read. As previously
in the remarks I made at our last annual
meeting, there has been a heavy increase in the
cost of coal, the average price per ton during
the year under review being \$10.03 as against
\$7.57 the previous year. There has also been a
large consumption, by reason of its inferior
quality and in consequence of our running the
boats at quicker speed and augmenting the
number of night trips. Other working expenses
show a slight reduction, so that this unfortu-
nate rise in the price of fuel is alone responsible for
the diminished dividend recommended for your
acceptance. The new pier at Kowloon has been
in use since 1st April and we have reason to
think—appreciated by Kowloon residents—
there are several improvements yet to be made,
notably aricksha and general shelter in front
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which without a shelter will, in winter, seriously
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This work has to be done between one and
five a.m., so will take considerable time.
Negotiations have been commenced with the
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side, and if satisfactory terms can be arranged
plans will shortly be prepared. It will mean a
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pany will not earn a cent more by it, the matter
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The charges at Kowloon, the augmented
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but we deem it to be in the interests of
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public, and we claim that in maintaining a 10
minutes service from 5.20 a.m. to 10 p.m. and
thereafter every 20 minutes till 12.30 a.m., with
additional trips on Saturday nights, the Com-
pany is fulfilling its duty creditably. The
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There were no questions, and the CHAIRMAN
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Mr. BAIN seconded, and the proposition was
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Mr. HAUPT moved, and Mr. SMITH seconded,
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THE GOVERNOR GENERALSHIP OF
INDO-CHINA.
According to the *Temps* the French Govern-
ment would not in any wise have considered the
possibility of the return of Monsieur Beau,
Governor General of Indo-China.

HOME AND CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

London, May 31st.
THE "SPECTATOR" ON DR. MORRISON.
 In spite of the space taken up by happenings of first-class importance, it is a fact worthy of comment that most of the leading London journals find room for Dr. Morrison's news now-days. Time was when the *Far East* was utterly neglected, but now that the *Times*, *Morning Post*, and the *Telegraph* have resident correspondents in Peking there is no excuse for saying that China is neglected. The letters appearing in the *Morning Post* show that the writer has an intimate acquaintance with Chinese affairs, and that he has the faculty of conveying to his readers a true conception of what is happening in Peking and in the Provinces. But Dr. Morrison, the able representative of the *Times*, has earned a reputation in Europe that will probably remain unshaken so long as he continues to reside in China. His ten years' residence at Peking tells in his favour, and he will soon qualify to be spoken of as the "oldest European resident." His remarkable personality cannot be gauged, and it makes itself felt in the long telegram which appeared in the *Times* last week, summing up the situation as he found it at the capital after an absence of nine months.

That telegram has had the effect of calming public opinion in this country with regard to the political outlook in China. Recent telegrams from various sources had had the effect of creating a sense of insecurity. China's groping after a higher ideal in national life had been misunderstood by observers on the spot, and we required the sound common-sense and the trained observation of Dr. Morrison to assure the British public that China's symptoms were not so serious after all. She is suffering, notwithstanding her antiquity, from growing pains, but her condition rather inspires hope and confidence than fear and distrust. The *Times* does not take such a sanguine view of the situation, perhaps, as its correspondent; but on the whole it holds the weight of its influence to reassure those who have relatives or interests in China.

The *Spectator*, on Saturday, had an excellent article entitled "New China for Old," based upon Dr. Morrison's telegram. Those of us who are old enough to remember the attitude taken up by the *Spectator* on Chinese affairs in former times, rejoice that this decade weekly is willing to accept the leading of Dr. Morrison. "The Peking correspondent of the *Times*," says the *Spectator*, "stands alone among English journalists in his intimate acquaintance with Chinese character and Chinese policy. The long telegram from him which appeared on Tuesday is more than an ordinary example of the qualities with which we are familiar." Your contemporary goes on to say: "In that vast Empire none dissatisfies with the foreigner is always amenable, and the ordinary purveyor of newspaper telegrams is hardly the man to discriminate what is despatched from what is superficial. It is the interval which divides the correspondent of the *Times* from the ordinary practitioner in the art of special correspondence that makes his reappearance at Peking so welcome. English interest in Chinese affairs is too keen for the reopening of the supply of sane and sober information to be other than a matter of genuine satisfaction." Could praise go further? "The ordinary purveyor of newspaper telegrams" at Peking ought to feel very small after this chaste rebuke and damaging comparison.

LECTION CATHOLICS IN CHINA.
 Dr. Morrison confirms the fears entertained by Anglo-Chinese in this country of the damaging effect that the Liberal anti-Chinese labour election parties would have upon the native mind when they reached China. The Liberal members who are their seats in the House of Commons to the use of the deplorable, disgusting and degrading device will never realize, however, the enormity of their offence. Nothing can well be done to prevent the reproduction of these cartoons. Besides, the damage has been done already. But Dr. Morrison's suggestion that some action should be taken by the British and Japanese governments to curb the licence of the Chinese native press in the Treaty Ports before further mischief is caused by their anti-foreign propaganda must meet with universal approval. We can only believe that it is mistaken zeal that has led a number of Japanese to lend their support to the preparation of that movement. The other suggestion that the Vatican should appoint a representative at Peking through whom direct negotiations could be opened up for the supervision of the Roman Catholic missionaries should also receive the support of the Foreign Powers. It is an anomaly that France, which is at present on the brink of a revolution as the result of its anti-clerical policy, should be constituted the representative and defender of Roman Catholicism in China.

FORMER "CHINA HANDS."
 The employment is announced of Mr. Edward Russell Burton, M.A., F.R.S., of Cambridge, younger son of the Right Rev. Bishop Burton, D.D., late Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, with Lady Alfred, widow of Sir E. F. Alfred, of 26, The Beltons, South Kensington. It is expected that the marriage will take place in June. Mr. Burton is well known in China, having been for some years with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. His inclinations not lying towards commercial life, Mr. Burton returned to Cambridge and completed his studies, and he is now, I believe, a lecturer there on scientific subjects. His brother, who was being educated for the Church, also had no liking for the career mapped out for him, and on leaving the University he enlisted in the army, and at once began to carve out a career for himself. After rapid promotion through the non-commissioned ranks he was given a commission, and

he has distinguished himself on more than one occasion in the Nigeria region. He now holds the rank of major.
 The *London Gazette* contained a notification the other day to the effect that Second Lieutenant J. Bremner, of the City of London Imperial Yeomanry, was granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant whilst holding the appointment of Quartermaster in the Northern Nigeria Regiment of the West African Field Force. It may not be generally known that this notification refers to a former sergeant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps. After leaving Hongkong, Mr. Bremner accompanied Lord Kitchener to South Africa, and was highly commended for his work with the staff. Upon his return to the War Office in London, he was given a higher grade berth, and was later selected to act as paymaster of the Northern Nigeria Regiment.

THE SHIPPING CONFERENCE.
 The President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Lloyd George) will receive a deputation on the 8th instant from the British Chambers of Commerce to ascertain its views on the subject of the injury caused to commercial interests by the preferential treatment shown by British steamship companies to foreign freight. A fresh impetus has been given to the agitation against shipping rings by the accession to power of the Liberal party. Whether it will attempt all that is expected of it, is problematical, but never was a party and a House of Commons so fitted to tackle a subject of this sort. The constitution of the House is so democratic, its tendencies so socialistic, and it is so untrammelled by tradition and precedent that it is ready and eager to tread the bypaths of politics hitherto avoided by conventional party leaders.

The delegates of the South African Colonies, who recently investigated the subject, submitted a report to their respective governments, recommending the most drastic legislation to break down the monopoly rates of the steamship combine. One clause in that report stated: "With regard to the effect of the rebate system upon British as compared with Continental and American trade, the witnesses were unanimous in the view that its effect was injurious and unfair to British manufacturers." I have the impression that the same thing was reported by a Commission that sat in Hongkong to enquire into British trade with the Far East. The recommendations of the South African delegates are on the lines of recent legislation in the United States. There the Elkins Anti-Relate Act came into force in 1893. Under this Act extreme heavy penalties may be imposed for infringement. It is made illegal to give or receive a rebate, concession or other inducement in respect of the transportation of any property in inter-State or foreign commerce by any common carrier. Since the Government has undertaken the re-issuing of the Merchant Shipping Act with the object of removing the conditions that handicapped our shipping interests in their competition with foreign owners, it is by no means strange that the President of the Board of Trade should now turn his attention to conditions that may in any way handicap British manufacturers and British merchants either in our own Colonies or in neutral markets.

As the Far Eastern shipping trade is controlled by the Shipping Conference, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan are directly concerned in the deputation that waits upon the President of the Board of Trade on the 8th instant. His action, if he takes any, may have an important effect on Far Eastern trade.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.
 I do not propose to trouble you with any extensive comments on the Budget. Details will reach you by the mail that carries this letter, and the main proposals were no doubt in your possession a few days ago. It cannot be said that it has been well received. The lower middle class electors, who turned the scale in favour of the Liberals, were led to expect some remission of the income tax. The fact that only a promise of enquiry into a scheme of graduation is made has dampened the hopes of a large section of the community. We all welcome the measures to reduce the national debt, but that would have been accomplished by the Unionists. It is merely a question of degree. But the reduction of the tax on tea is another bid for the working class vote, and the abolition of the export duty on coal is a concession to the Labour party and the anti-fuel reformers. The payment of Imperial funds to extravagant educational districts is more likely to induce further extravagance than to lead to economy. Without going into other details, the impression given by the Budget is that the Government is afraid more than ever of the Labour party, and is trying to make itself appreciated by the lower classes for its own merits, so that it may be independent of the Labour party when the next appeal is made at the poll.

The surrender of the Government to the trades unions over the Trades Disputes Bill is in keeping with the tendency of the present administration. The news now comes to hand that, as the result of a conference between the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress and the Secretary for War and the First Lord of the Admiralty, all government contracts will be submitted to the supervision of the Trades Unions before acceptance. After this the deluge! True, the respective boards of administration retain the power to cancel or deal with a contract, but it could not well be otherwise, unless, indeed, the Government handed over the actual control of the departments to the trades unionists. Of course, the idea is to prevent contractors who do not pay the union rates of wages from securing government work.

Mr. H. W. Massingham, formerly editor of the *Daily Chronicle*, in an interesting review of a book on the Labour party, says that the aim of that party must be "the definite evolution of the Liberal party into a Radical

organisation. This, rather than the accomplishment of a large measure of collectivism, is probably destined to be the mission of the Labour party, as it is constituted to-day. If the present Parliament and that which comes after it can secure the definite subordination of the Lords, we shall enter on a new phase of English politics. Society will then be prepared for large changes which will be made possible by the ameliorative and palliative efforts of the present administration." He regards the Labour party as "too purely artisan and working-class." What it needs is "thinkers, orators, journalists, lawyers."

THE DOWAGER-EMPRESS.
 One of the portraits attracting attention at the Paris Salon is that of the Dowager-Empress of China by M. Hubert Vos. The comment of one of the critics is that the Dowager-Empress "looks a very strong-minded old lady indeed." To "old China hands" this growing familiarity and better acquaintance with the chief figure at the Peking Court seems strange, when we remember that only a very few years ago next to nothing was known by first-hand personal European knowledge of the Dowager-Empress and her satellites. Miss Carl's portrait of the old lady shown at the St. Louis Exposition certainly conveyed the impression that she was very strong-minded indeed.

LAUNCH OF CHINESE GUNBOAT.

On May 28th the Kawasaki Dockyard Co., at Kobe, launched the *Chu-fai*, the first of six sister gunboats contracting for the Chinese Navy. The particulars as supplied to us by the Dock Co. are:-

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TO-DAY'S ROYAL WEDDING.

To-day the wedding of King Alfonso of Spain, to Princess Ena of Battenberg will take place with full pomp and ceremony at the church of San Geronimo in Madrid. Her Royal Highness left London last Thursday, and travelling through France by rail was met at the little frontier town of Irun by her *ance* and escorted to the capital, the mansion of the Infanta Isabella being placed at her disposal. Notwithstanding the many hard words that have been said about the action of the Princess, few will withhold their good wishes or not join in the hope that the union consummated to-day will inaugurate a happier era for Spain.

Naturally the arrangements for the wedding are of a most elaborate nature. There will be two distinct processions as far as the Puerta del Sol, the bride and her escort starting from the mansion of the Infanta Isabella, and the King and his retinue starting from the royal palace. From the Puerta del Sol there will be one procession to the Church of St. Geronimo, where the wedding will take place. This procession will be the most magnificent spectacle seen in Madrid for many years. Twenty-nine royal coaches of antique design, and adorned with costly gilding and bronze and silver decorations, will convey the foreign guests and the representatives of the Spanish and British Royal Families. These coaches will be drawn by six or eight horses, with postillions in eighteenth-century costume. Twenty-one coaches will contain the Spanish grantees, and there will be in addition the State carriages of Ambassadors, Ministers, Court, and Government officials.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sparta, with the representative Great Britain and Greece respectively. Many aristocratic families have placed their houses at the disposal of the royal family for the wedding guests. In celebration of the joyous occasion there will be many festivities. There will be a battle of flowers, and in the evening an illuminated procession arranged by the Town Council. In this will be two royal coronets, fifteen feet across, each carried by sixteen persons; two large lanterns, with portraits of the bride and bridegroom, with two bearers; two pyramids, surrounded by golden angels bearing the arms of Spain and Battenberg, each borne by twenty men; and a fantastic portrait gallery, carried on high by 150 persons.

A great deal has been written about the trousseau of H. R. H., but perhaps the following summary, taken from the *Times*, will satisfy the interest of lady readers. Among the many beautiful gowns made by Madame Agnes Bell, of Saville-row, for Princess Ena of Battenberg's marriage are two smart afternoon toilettes. One is of sapphire blue cologne, made of *chiffon*, the laces of the skirt closely pin-tucked to the figure in sets of three; the other is of the exact shade of the gown, with an *applique* of the gown was of soft Brussels lace *applique* treated to correspond with the skirt, having scalloped bands of net and braid, fastened with gold Louis XV. buckles the rest was composed of folds of lace, cologne, and gold tissue, and the three-quarter sleeves were finished with a fold of the latter.

The other, also made in the Princess style was carried out in rich black *chiffon* de chine. The skirt was set into the garters above the waist, round which was threaded a deep belt of soft black *sat*; brocade embroidered in jet continued from the skirt over a full under-dress of jetted lace. The skirt was bordered above the hem with large jetted lace motifs, and the three-quarter sleeves were trimmed with *chiffon* and jetted lace to correspond.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:-
 On the 30th at 11.5 a.m. - Pressure is increasing over Japan, but the depression is still shown over the Pacific to the E. of Hokkaido.

The barometer has risen slightly over China. Pressure is highest over the China coast, and fresh N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.
 Forecast: - Fresh N.E. winds; fair.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY (LIMITED).

The report for the half-year ended December 31 states that the gross receipts amounted to £317,100, against £331,788 for the corresponding half-year of 1904. The working expenses, including £16,991 for maintenance of cables, absorb £135,597, against £150,635, leaving a balance of £181,502. From this is deducted £27,475 for income-tax payable in England and £11,000 for Queen's Unemployed Fund and £15,048 for interest on mortgage debenture stock, leaving as the net profit £128,982. After adding £42,081 brought forward, there is an available balance of £206,064. One quarterly interim dividend of 11 per cent. has been paid for the half-year, and it is now proposed to distribute another of like amount on the 10th inst., making with the interim dividends paid for the first half-year a total dividend of 5 per cent. It is also proposed to pay a bonus of 4 per share, or 2 per cent, making a total distribution of 7 per cent. for the year 1905. The sum of £50,000 has been transferred to the general reserve, and the balance of £21,064 carried forward.

SAGHALIEN.

CONTINUED FRONTIER DISPUTES.

Many far-seeing people in Russia were opposed to Russia retaining even the northern half of the convict island of Saghalien, as they foresaw clearly that the island would always be a "bone of contention" between its two owners. The gloomy forebodings are coming true. General Lypunov, formerly Governor of Saghalien, has been interviewed on the subject, he complains of the failure to mark out accurately the border line separating Russia's portion of the island from that belonging now to Japan; in fact, in the General's opinion, the frontier line is simply a fictitious one. This state of matters leads to small disputes between Russian and Japanese, and they are bound to end in trouble between the respective authorities, in fact, Gen. Lypunov is very pessimistic with regard to the permanency of the existing friendly relations between Russia and Japan.

THE GARTER MISSION.

Distinguished members of the Garter Mission which accompanied Prince Arthur of Connaught to Japan arrived from Canada at Liverpool on May 2nd. Proof of the magnificent generosity shown to the mission by the Japanese Emperor was given by the landing of 250 packages and boxes of various sizes, which called for the services of a special staff of porters, and which were guarded by a detachment of police. These contain an unrivalled collection of Japanese works of art, and ancient armor, magnificent sword, and a number of jewels and Buddhist vessels of great value. They are for distribution among the members of the Garter Mission, while one great box, very strongly packed, contains a special offering from the Emperor to King Edward. All of these packages were passed through the Customs without examination, and were placed in baggage vans, drawn by a separate engine and under the protection of armed detectives.

FOREIGN CONSULS IN TONKIN.

Considerable importance is attached to the fact that the French Government has just consented to the creation of American and Italian consulates in Tonkin. During the past five or six years repeated applications have been made by various foreign Governments to France for permission to appoint Consuls in Hanoi, but the reply has always been that Tonkin is not a colony, but a protectorate, and consequently that the United States and Italy are not entitled to the same privilege as the nominal ruler of Tonkin. This, of course, was a mere diplomatic excuse, as the King is scarcely anything more than a pensioner of the French. However, the French Government a few months ago consented, on the representation of Lord Lansdowne, when Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to the sending of a British Consul to Hanoi, and now that Italy and the United States have been granted a similar privilege, it cannot be long before all the Powers will choose to make application to the Queen's Government for their Consular representatives in the capital of Tonkin.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CHINA.

The Peking correspondent of the *Times* telegraphed on May 2nd:-
 The whole Catholic missionary question requires reconsideration. Through the widely-spread misconception that the Chinese are not ignorant of what has happened in France, nor ignorant that most of the valuable Church property in the foreign settlements of Shanghai and Tientsin has recently been transferred or sold in order to evade the operation of the new law. The continued protection of Catholic missionaries in China is inconsistent with the Government action in France. The root of most of the trouble is the skeleton-bird Imperial decree issued on March 15, 1899, which grants to the Catholic hierarchy an official rank in China higher than that permitted to French officials, the French Consul ranking as *Tsintai* and the Bishop ranking as *Viceroy*. Unless this decree is annulled, the anomaly will continue to prejudice French relations with China.

JAPANESE MISSIONARIES FOR ENGLAND.

A correspondent of the *Japan Chronicle* writes:-
 "In the paper this week I read that the Archbishop of Canterbury had said that Japan was one of the great fields for future missionary work. A religious periodical published in London contained a curious advertisement a few weeks ago, which my friend the Archbishop may have seen. It was as follows:-

Socialist Rector, asked by patron to resign, desires exchange, or vacant living. Net £25. E. of Ireland stock, 13th century church and small oak wainscoted rectory, both completely restored. Five yrs. cert. just obtained. No schools. Post 200. London two hours. - St. Mary's, Stamford.

The why of this wherefore is that the Rev. Mr. Tickell dared to hold, profess, and believe a certain political doctrine known as Socialism. Naturally the "patron" of this living, the Marquis of Exeter, was deeply grieved at such heterodoxy, and forthwith gave the Socialist rector notice to quit. Mr. T. tickle appealed to his Bishop, but in vain, and is now apparently one of the unemployed. Now, some of us in Japan would like the Archbishop of Canterbury's opinion of the action of the Marquis, who it may be added is Hereditary Grand Almoner, Custos Rotulorum of the Isle of Pembrokeshire (of course you know what that is) and owner of 25,000 acres of land. I think myself that a few missionaries from Japan should turn their attention to the Hereditary Grand Almoner and Present Grand Almoner.

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CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

The first manifestation of China's opposition to the extension of foreign land holdings in her territory has fallen upon the United States in connection with the establishment of consulates in Manchuria. While the Chinese Government is willing that the Consulates should be established it will permit this only on condition that the lands occupied should remain in China's ownership, the foreign Governments merely taking a thirty years' lease of them. It is feared that, owing to the increase of land value under foreign occupancy, the terms of the renewal of the lease would be prohibitive, and unless the Powers take united action against the assertion of the Chinese claim with regard to the Manchurian consulates the end of foreign landholding in China is believed to be at hand.

INDIAN OPIUM.

In the House of Commons on April 30, in reply to a question asked on behalf of Mr. MacVeagh (Down), Sir Mr. Morley (Montrose Burghs) said:-
 "The total value of the opium exported from India in 1904-5 was £7,082,955, of which opium to the value of £5,511,040 was consigned direct to ports in China. The net opium revenue of India in the same year amounted to £2,050,999. This includes revenue from opium consumed in India or re-exported to other parts in China. That portion of the revenue which is derived from opium exported direct to China may be estimated at about £2,000,000. (Cries of "Oh.")

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Hongkong, 24th May, 1906. T. ARIMA, Manager. [14]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA
VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Sailing Date
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	On 3rd July.
SHAWMUT	9,606	E. V. Roberts	On 27th July.
TREMONT	9,606	T. W. Garlick	On 22nd August.

* Cargo only.
CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND
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The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" are fitted with very Superior
Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures
view lines at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried
in cold storage.
PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.
For further information apply to—
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
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Queen's Buildings,
Hongkong, 25th April, 1906. [2]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

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Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN,
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LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
C. FERD. LAEISZ Capt. Meyerdiere	MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	On 1st June Freight.
ANDALUSIA Capt. Schmidt	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 20th June Freight.
ACILIA Capt. Schuelke	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 28th June Freight.
LIENANIA Capt. van Hoff	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 12th July Freight & Passengers

* Special attention of intending Passengers is drawn to the splendid accommodation of this
steamer. Saloon and cabin amidships. Lighted throughout by electricity. Duty qualified
doctor and stewards are carried.
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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

STEAMERS WILL ALSO CALL AT GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
* SITHONIA (For Cargo Only)	WEDNESDAY 6th June
ROON	WEDNESDAY 20th June
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 27th June
ZIEFEN	WEDNESDAY 4th July
GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY 11th July
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY 18th July
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 25th July
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 1st August
SAC-SEN	WEDNESDAY 8th August
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 15th August
ROON	WEDNESDAY 22nd August
PRINZ LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY 29th August

* On WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of JUNE, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship
"SITHONIA," Captain Brehmer, with CARGO ONLY, will leave this Port as above,
calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 4th June. Cargo an
Sparto will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 5th June, and Parcel
will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 5th June.
Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50.
* Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO NAPLES, GENOA AND GIBRALTAR	251 0 0	142 0 0	92 0 0
TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN AND HAMBURG	65 0 0	44 0 0	24 0 0
TO NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR	65 0 0	44 0 0	24 0 0
TO BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON	68 0 0	48 0 0	27 0 0
TO BREMEN	123 0 0	63 0 0	48 0 0

In the event of the passenger leaving the Main Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and
travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland the same rates will be applied as via NAPLES,
GENOA OR GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's
expense.

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co., from
SINGAPORE TO CALCUTTA instead of an Imperial Mail steamer from Singapore to Colombo.
The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is, however, not included.
INTERUPTION OF THE VOYAGE IN EGYPT:
Passengers to European and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean
Steamers from ALEXANDRIA, to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer
from Port Said.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

VIA NEW GUINEA.

FOR MANILA, SIMPSONHAFEN, FRIEDRICH WILHELMSHAFEN,
HERBERTSHOEHE, MATUPU, BRISBANE, SYDNEY
AND MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
PRINZ WALDEMAR	THURSDAY, 24th June
PRINZ SIGISMUND	TUESDAY, 3rd July
WILLEHARD	TUESDAY, 21st Aug.

ON TUESDAY, the 20th JUNE, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ WALDEMAR,"
Captain Woltemas, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this port as above.
Lines can be washed on board.
Rates of Passage Money from Hongkong:

To	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO MANILA	850	530	330	return	850	530
TO NEW GUINEA	230	140	90	return	230	140
TO BRISBANE	230	140	90	return	230	140
TO SYDNEY	230	140	90	return	230	140
TO MELBOURNE	230	140	90	return	230	140
TO YOKOHAMA	230	140	90	return	230	140
TO KOBE	230	140	90	return	230	140
TO YOKOHAMA and back from KOBE to HONGKONG	1140	700	450	return	1140	700

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG: 1st Class
To EUROPE via AUSTRALIA and COLOMBO by Imperial Mail Steamer 487 0 0.
To EUROPE via AUSTRALIA and AMERICA 96 0 0.
From Australia to New York via Vancouver by the C.P.R. Co.'s steamers, or via San
Francisco by the O. & S.S. Co.'s steamers, and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent
Express Steamers of N.D.L.

SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, ZIEFEN	Wednesday, 6th June.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Wednesday, 6th June.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Wednesday, 20th June.

* Reaching Yokohama in less than six days.
TRANS-PACIFIC THROUGH TICKETS FROM HONGKONG via Vancouver or San
Francisco to New York by the C.P.R. Co.'s steamers P.M.S.S. Co., O. & S.S. Co.,
T. K. K. and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the
Norddeutscher Lloyd are issued at the following Rates:—
To London via Plymouth or Southampton 262 0 0.
To Bremen 63 10 0.
To Paris via Cherbourg 65 0 0.
To Naples, Genoa via Gibraltar 65 0 0.

For further Particulars, apply to
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELOCHERS & CO., AGENTS.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [5]

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW
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VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR
COAST).
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
1906

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
"SATSUMA"	31st May.
"SEIKI"	23rd June.
"WEAT CASTLE"	23rd June.

For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th May, 1906. [787]

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VESSELS ON THE BEAT

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Tins, Port Darwin and
Queensland Ports, and taking through
Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand,
Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EASTERN."

Captain Powell, will be despatched for the
above Ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd June, at
Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chan-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-
sions, tea, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.

A Surgeon and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.
N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
passengers the steamers of the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1906. [887]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

HONGKONG-SWATOW-BANGKOK LINE.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE Chartered Steamship

"PROMETHEUS."

Captain Cornelissen, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 5th June, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
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